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(c) The details about Export of Artificial silk and foreign exchange earned are as under :

Quantity–Tonnes
Value–Lakhs/Rs.

	1996-97 (April-January)	1995-96
1. Fibre and Yarn		
Oty.	3747	7069
Value	5545	10764

2075.50 Tons of Rayon Filament Fabrics valued at US $ 16.64 million was exported during 1996-97 (April-January).

(d) The Govt. have been various steps such as liberalisation of industrial licensing policy, rationalisation of fiscal duty structure, changes in EXIMP Policy, etc. with a view to increasing the production and export of textile items including artificial silk.

Paper Mills

4369. DR. M.P. JAISWAL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal for setting up of new paper mills in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the time by which the proposals are likely to be finalised; and

(d) the names of the mills which manufacture computer papers in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) No proposal is pending with the Government for grant of Industrial Licence for setting up of new paper mills in the country.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

(d) The details of the mills manufacturing computer paper in the country are not maintained separately.

Export and Production of TEA and Coffee

4370. SHRI MAHESH KUMAR KANODIA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the production of coffee and tea in the country at present separately;

(b) whether the export of coffee and tea has declined during 1996-97;

(c) whether the Government have adopted some new measures to increase the export of coffee and tea;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when these new measures are proposed to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) The estimated production of coffee is 2.05 lakh tonnes during 1996-97 season (July-June) and estimated production of tea during April 1996-March 1997 period is 780.31 million Kgs.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) Steps taken to increase exports by the concerned BOARDS include participation in trade fairs/ exhibitions abroad. Conducting publicity campaigns, market surveys, holding buyer seller meets, promoting brands, etc. In respect of exports of tea to Russia under the debt repayment route, a proposal for exports on consignment basis has been worked out recently in consultation with Reserve Bank of India.

Misuse of Exim Policy by Exporters

4371. SHRI YELLAIAH NANDI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have initiated any action against the exporters for breach of conditions while availing themselves of the benefits under the Export-Import Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of exporters who have been found quilty during each of the last three years;

(d) the number of exporters who have rectified the false claims during each of the last three years;

(e) the action taken against them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Action is initiated unter the provisions of the Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992 and the Foreign Trade (Regulation) Rules, 1993 for violation of the export import policy and condition of licence as also for contravention of the provisions of the prescribed procedure. The penalties imposed under the provisions of